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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Nakano et al.  
Serial No.: 10/604,553  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING ALIGNMENT LAYER  
Filed: July 30, 2003  
Examiner: Michael H. Caley  
Art Unit: 2871  
Confirmation No.: 1552  
Customer No.: 27,623 Attorney Docket No.: JP920020113US1

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing the following documents in response to the communication dated June 28, 2005 in the above-identified application:

1. Amendment;
2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. PTO-1449 with copies of references; and
4. Check in the amount of \$180.00 for IDS fee.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	6	Minus	22	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
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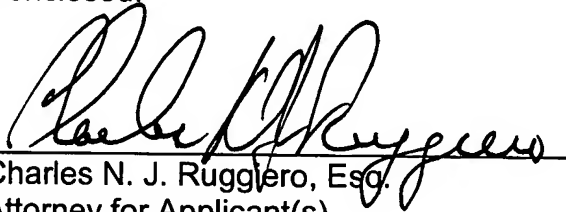
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**XX** A check in the amount of \$ 180.00 is attached.

**X** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

August 29, 2005

Date



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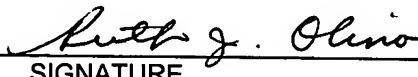
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 28, 2005, Applicants respond as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.